



Our Lady of the Snow

***175 Blue Point Avenue
Blue Point, New York 11715***

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Rev. Kevin M. Smith, Pastor

***July 14, 2024 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.***



DAILY MASSES:

**Monday - Friday 8:30 AM
in Mother Church**

WEEKEND MASSES:

**Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM & 10:00 AM
All masses are in Large Church**

First Friday Adoration 4-7

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

**Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM
in Large Church**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

**Monday 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
in Mother Church**

ROSARY:

July 16, Mother Church

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Hours: Mon. - Thur. 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Pray for Our Sick

We pray for all who are sick, for their healing in both body and spirit....

Lawrence Murphy & Joan Boehm

In Sympathy

For all who have died this past week, that they rejoice in the heavenly banquet...

Kevin Canavan

Catholic Marriage for couples married outside the Church:

If you have a civil marriage but now desire a Catholic sacramental marriage, call the Parish Office for more information about a Convalidation.

Marriage:

Arrangements must be made at least **six to twelve months in advance**. It is advisable to call the church prior to arranging the reception.

Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.):

Persons interested in becoming Catholic and adults who have not received Confirmation or First Eucharist, please contact the Parish office.

Communion for the Homebound:

To make arrangements to have Communion brought to the home, please call the parish office at 363-6385, ext. 110. For emergency sick calls, please call the parish at any time.

Baptisms:

Call the rectory office to schedule a Baptism or check our website.

God Bless our Troops Please keep them in your prayers

Lt. Col. Meghan Ederle

Corp Zachary Giglio

Major Kyle Brown

Major Robert Gervasio

Capt. Evan Bernstein

Capt. Robert Fleming

Lt. Sean Brown

Lt. Ross Oley

Lt. Matthew Fish

LT Shannon Wojciechowski

LT Douglas Wojciechowski

LT Thomas Adair

DO, CPT, MC Kate Desmond-Baker

TSgt. Mark C. Erickson

SMSgt Harold L. Erickson

E3/ACAN Connor Rooney USN

Sgt. Samuel Campanella

Sergeant Sal LoCasio

Ens. Scott Brown

**Our
Annual Golf Outing
Will be on
September 16th at
Rockhill Golf &
Country Club**



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

1 in 10 people on Long Island are suffering from food insecurity. Thank you for helping your neighbors in need in our community.

Our Current food pantry needs are:

Juice
Tea
Coffee
Crackers/cookies
Chili
Baked beans/ pork n beans
Pasta
Deodorant
Shampoo
Hair conditioner
Cleaning supplies
Laundry detergent
Paper towels/tissues

****Please check expiration dates
before donating*****

All donations may be left outside the pantry doors of the large Church before mass on the weekends, or during the week outside the doors of the large church during our hours Monday—Thursday 10am-1pm.

There is also a collection box at the Blue Point King Kullen.



**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$9408**

ATTENTION:

Mass Time Change

Starting: July 7th

Saturdays: 5:00 PM

Sundays: 7:30 AM & 10:00 AM *

For the months of July and August



Mass Intentions

Saturday July 13,

**5:00 PM Genevieve Hasemann †
Irene Bekolz-Munoz †
Eileen Mulry †**

Sunday July 14,

**7:30 AM Joseph Cannizaro †
10:00 AM Parishioners of OLS
Judith DePalma †
Catherine Ranone †**

Monday July 15, St. Bonaventure

8:30 AM Kathryn Bergeron †

Tuesday July 16,

8:30 AM Else Haddock †

Wednesday July 17,

8:30 AM intention of Colleen Connolly

Thursday July 18,

8:30 AM Intention of Catherine Romano

Friday July 19,

8:30 AM Kathryn Scottaline †

Saturday July 20, St Apollinaris

**5:00 PM Vincent J Raslak †
Intention of Wilma Ferguson**

Sunday July 21,

**7:30 AM Helen Madden †
10:00 AM Parishioners of OLS**



Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of Judy DePalma

Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church

In Memory of Judy DePalma



Respect Life Ministry News

Check out our bulletin board in the large church vestibule for resources, including information regarding the DRVC FIAT Pregnancy Support Program, The Gianna Center for Women's Health and Fertility, Project Rachel: Healing After Abortion, The Long Island Coalition for Life newsletter, The Retrouvaille Program for struggling marriages, & more.

Ongoing Fill a Crib Project- You may have noticed a baby crib in the stage in the large church filled with donations of baby items. Our parish is continuing to collect new and gently used baby clothing sizes NB-3T, new baby bottles, baby shampoo, baby diapers (all sizes), wipes, baby food, car seats (less than 6 years old), bassinets, etc.

***To DATE OLS HAS DONATED 5 FULL CAR LOADS OF BABY ITEMS THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS PARISHIONERS!**

Adopt a Mom Project- Our parish is also providing monthly monetary support for 4 local moms in need. If you would like to help our effort, checks can be made out to "Our Lady of the Snow Church," and please indicate on the envelope, or on the check itself, that it is a donation for OLS Respect Life Ministry.

Our charity for both projects is Life Center of Long Island.

JOIN US FOR
**Social
HOUR**

Summer Schedule:

YM/PBJ Club:

For the Summer we will meet on the following dates. Our goal will be to make 200 sandwiches during our combined meeting.

August 13

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Mother Church Basement



Summer Social Hour Schedule:

July 18

August 5 – Feast Day of
Our Lady of the Snow

Join us for coffee and conversation after the 8:30 AM Mass, Mother Church Basement. All are welcome!



Calling all those from 3rd Grade to 11th Grade, if you are interested in Altar

Serving, please email me at mtully@olsbp.com, we look forward to you joining our ranks!

Gospel Reflection by Michael Dawidziak

The Chosen. It's not just the title of the hugely popular and unlikely hit television series about the life of Jesus; it is also the theme of today's readings. Last week we noted that nobody ever became a prophet by their own choice. You can't study your way into it like you can with other professions. There's a reason that colleges don't offer majors in prophecy. You can't teach it. A prophet is one that speaks for God and the Lord alone chooses who will speak for Him. The Lord alone also chooses the words the prophet is to speak. If we were to choose a spokesperson, we would probably look for someone who is influential, powerful or a great orator. Someone with a flair for words and social standing to carry the message. Yet God almost always chooses uneducated people from society's underclass to speak for Him. God calls unlikely people at inconvenient times for His own extraordinary purposes.

In our first reading, the prophet Amos is engaged in a contentious dialogue with the priest, Amaziah. Amos had been speaking God's words, but it was not a message the people wanted to hear. Amaziah told the King, "the country cannot endure all his words." (Amos 7:10) The Kingdom of Israel had become prosperous but corrupt. It had turned from worshipping the one true God. Amos' message was one of social justice. He condemned the disparity between rich and poor. He took to task "they who trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth, and push the afflicted out of the way". (Amos 2:7) How popular would his message be in today's secular society? Amaziah tells Amos to never again prophesy in Israel. Amos says, "I was no prophet" but rather "a shepherd and dresser of sycamores". God chose him and said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel". Amos warned of God's coming divine judgement from which only a remnant would be saved. His simple advice was "Seek the Lord and live". (Amos 5:6) Jesus would say, "Seek and you will find". (Matthew 7:7)

In our reading from Mark's gospel, Jesus sends out His chosen apostles in six pairs of two to preach repentance. Once again, the root of the word translated as "repentance" is *metanoia* which means to change. Literally it means to change one's direction, mind or purpose. By accepting the will of God, we change our minds and hearts. We think differently because we are different. This is Jesus' inaugural gospel message. (Mark 1:15) Now the apostles, a word that means "one who is sent", are entrusted with spreading that gospel message. Jesus tells the apostles to take nothing for the journey. He tells them they can wear sandals and take a staff or a walking stick. In other words, to take items that are only absolutely necessary for the journey. The apostles had to learn not to put their trust in things of this world. They had to be fully reliant on God. Being chosen by God always necessitates complete trust in Him. But notice Jesus sends the apostles out two by two. This isn't a solo mission. We aren't meant to do the job of apostolic work alone. We need each other. We need a faith community.

In our epistle St. Paul takes the idea of being chosen by God to an all-new level. The Letter to the Ephesians is one of Paul's crowning achievements. It reads like an "executive summary" of Christian doctrines. Paul says the Father has already "blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him" and "in love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ". Paul's analogy is perfect as adoption is a choice made through great love to provide a child a chance at life. Yes, we were chosen for salvation, but Paul says we were also chosen "to be holy and without blemish before him." The Greek word translated as "holy" (*hagios*) means "likeness of nature with the Lord" and thus "different from the world." It means to be set apart for God's purposes. What purposes? Paul explains, "In him we were also chosen...so that we might exist for the praise of his glory". Like the prophets and apostles, we are also entrusted with spreading God's message.

Throughout the Bible, the reaction of those chosen by God was often to tell Him to choose somebody else. As if God didn't know what He was doing! Fear and feelings of unworthiness initially discouraged many. We can feel the same in our apostolic duty. But be not afraid. It is not our own words we are called to speak. Jesus said, "It is written in the prophets: 'They shall all be taught by God.'" (John 6:45) Paul tells the Ephesians those "who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit". We don't speak or work unaided. The Holy Spirit speaks and works through us. And that gets us back to why we can't do this alone. We were all given our own unique set of gifts from God. Together, we form the Body of Christ. We need each other because the way God speaks and acts through us will be different for each of us. Jesus told His apostles, "You did not choose me but I chose you." (John 15:16) God does indeed know what He's doing. "Seek the Lord and live". It seems incredible that He has chosen us, but have we chosen God?

Faith Formation News

Catechists, (volunteer religion teachers), for the 2024-25 program year are needed for the following levels:

Level 2- meets on 10 Mondays from 4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. (This is a 1st Sacrament year.)

Level 3- meets on 10 Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.

Level 4- meets on 10 Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.

Level 6- meets on 10 Mondays from 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

A one-to-one volunteer teacher is needed in Level 3.

Door monitors are needed in Levels 5, 6, 7 & 8.

Requirements to Volunteer for Faith Formation (in any capacity):

One must be a practicing Catholic who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

A one-time Virtus training class & DRVC background checks that are repeated every 5 years is required.

All lesson plans and all materials/copies are provided at each class for the volunteer teacher. All classes are held in the large church. A Class Schedule is posted on the parish website under the Faith Formation tab.

Registering for 2024-25

Registration began for the 2024-2025 Faith Formation year on May 1st. The online registration form can be accessed from our parish website. Parents already signed up for Remind Alerts were sent a link to re-register.

Our program begins in 1st grade, since preparation for the Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion is a 2-year process, and continues through grade 9 with the Sacrament of Confirmation. Beyond that our students are encouraged to become active in parish life through our Youth Ministry. Parents of students entering grade 1 in 2024 are encouraged to sign up as New Registrants (if they do not have older children already in the program) online now through our parish website.

Office Location and Contact

The Faith Formation Office is located in the Large Church and can be accessed by pressing the Ring to the left of the front doors of the Large Church. The office is open Monday through Thursday, and closed on Fridays.

Please call ahead to make an appointment with the FF Director, Loren Christie, before stopping by. Loren can be reached at 631-363-6385 x 130 or via email at lchristie@olsbp.com.

For more information about the OLS Faith Formation Program, please visit our parish website and click on the "Faith Formation" tab located at the top of the page.

The Faith Formation Office will be closed for vacation from July 22 - August 8th.

**Coming Soon!!!
Our Lady of the Snow Raffle**

Only 300 tickets to be sold

Grand Prize \$10,000

Tickets \$100 Each.

Check the bulletin for the date the tickets go on sale.

You got to be in it to win it!!!!

The raffle will take place at our annual golf outing.

